

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John Lynch, Governor
A Proclamation

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY
AUGUST 26, 2006

WHEREAS, On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, opening the door for generations of women to add their vision and voices to history; and

WHEREAS, One year after women won suffrage, New Hampshire's House of Representatives welcomed its first two women legislators; in 1999, New Hampshire became the first state to have a female Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President serving simultaneous terms; and presently, New Hampshire ranks thirteenth nationally for women's political participation; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Rights Movement has had a profound impact on all aspects of American life, opening new and well-deserved opportunities for women in all fields; and

WHEREAS, August 26th, the anniversary date of the passage of the 19th Amendment, has been designated **Women's Equality Day** as a symbol of the continued fight for equal rights; and

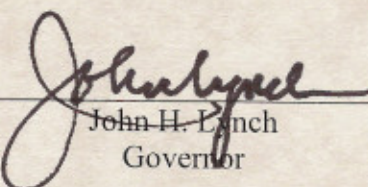
WHEREAS, In honor of **Women's Equality Day**, the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women, the Governor, and the Executive Council, present the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women's Tenth Annual Women's Recognition Award to a New Hampshire woman who has brought prestige and honor to herself and to the State; and

WHEREAS, Niki Miller, of Manchester, is receiving the 2006 Women's Recognition Award in honor of her accomplishments and contributions in providing resources, support, and empowerment to women and girls in the State of New Hampshire;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **AUGUST 26, 2006** as **WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY** throughout the State of New Hampshire, and encourage all citizens to recognize and commend the many contributions women continue to make towards the betterment of our the State.



Given this 18th day of August, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and six, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty.


John H. Lynch
Governor